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In the Application of:

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In High Throughput Screening Data

Examiner: M. Sheinberg

Art Unit: 1631

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In the Action mailed March 22, 2001, the Examiner required restriction of this application to one of four groups. Applicants elect to proceed with examination of Group III (claims 22-38, 63-66 and 68).

Respectfully submitted,  
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HULBERT & BERGHOFF**

Dated: April 23, 2001

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- A. Response to Restriction Requirement;
- B. Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required.

3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned also hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as required by 37 CFR 1.8, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

By:

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